

March 24, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and Board member Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Comm. Maynard; Supt. Givens; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he received a call from Sterett Crane & Rigging about bringing some heavy loads through town next week. He added the company had some questions about the city's ordinance that was passed last year, as cited below per their letter:

Section #2 – Permit required for any over dimensional loads, per: width, length and weight

Section #4 – Reads in ordinance no travel before ½ hr sunrise and/or no travel ½ hr after sun set, Indiana has changed some of there ruling allowing certain size loads to run 24/7 will these fall into your ordinance also.

If Sterett purchased a single annual permit will this cover all travels per annual basis

Chief Beloit stated they will be traveling from TMI on W. 2nd Street to SABIC, via W. 2nd Street, to old Hwy 69 and travel to SABIC's gate #9. He added when the ordinance was passed, there was not a permit included, though one is required.

Comm. Maynard stated that is a lot of weight on the streets, but there really is no choice. He just asked that they watch for any damage they may cause. He added he wants to help local industry.

Chief Beloit replied these loads are not even close to the weight of the loads the city has seen over the past few years. He added the police department will help with traffic coverage.

Board member Higgins moved the three loads be permitted next week, without a form (permit), but any applicable fees must be paid. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then added yes, the fee should be paid,

and Attorney Higgins will be contacted about clarifying the questions that arose about the ordinance. He asked if there was any further discussion ?

Comm. Maynard asked if when the form is drafted, a part could be added where the company would be responsible for any damage caused to the streets.

Mayor Tucker replied he believes that is already addressed in the ordinance, and then asked that Chief Beloit get with Attorney Higgins on Monday.

Supt. Givens stated they may need to force Sterett to take Hwy 62 because the sewer department has a force main on their route.

Chief Beloit replied that would probably cause them a delay as they would then have to get permission from the State for that route.

Board member Higgins added Hwy 62 can hold the weight.

Mayor Tucker stated he hates to delay them, but they need to look out for the best interests of the city.

Chief Beloit added there will also be more traffic issues if they use Hwy 62, and again, if the city wants them to change their route, it will delay them.

Supt. Givens stated he would like them to check into it, but if it will delay them, the city can just roll the dice and take a chance that everything will be alright.

Comm. Maynard added the weight they are talking (17,000 lbs) is less than one of the empty packer trucks.

Supt. Givens agreed and added, it will probably be alright then.

Chief Beloit added the move should only take about 30 minutes.

Supt. Givens stated it will be fine.

Mayor Tucker then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions of Chief Beloit ?

Board member Higgins stated there has been some attempted vandalism at the cemetery up by Hedges School and asked if Chief Beloit could have the department try to keep an eye on the area.

Chief Beloit agreed.

Chief Waters stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated truck #24, the one they just put the new motor in, is back in the shop. He added there are some piston issues, but it is covered under warranty. It appears a new motor will be needed, but again, it is under warranty. He continued his report by stating there was a leak at Walnut and Water Streets that ended up being a sewer issue. He stated they dug it up and found a hairline crack in part of the old pipe. He stated they clamped it and will wait for it to settle before they pave over it.

Supt. Givens then stated the bridge out on Old Hwy 62 has been closed for some time. The County has now secured funds to make the needed repairs to the bridge, but the city has a sewer line connected to the bridge. He added Councilman Curtis was contacted by Mr. Alsop, who was inquiring what the city plans would be to deal with that. He stated he needs to know what the County is going to do before he can put a plan together.

Supt. Givens concluded his report by stating the Phase 2 LTCP bids that were opened at the last meeting, are not yet ready for action. He stated Attorney Higgins sent a letter stating all bids were successful, but Mr. Burke from BLA still needs to review the bids and specifications. He asked that they table any action until the next meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he has a manual on Universal Traffic Control Devices, basically the Bible for street set up, but his is a 1988 edition. He asked for permission to purchase a newer 2009 issue, though it can only be ordered on line and he will need the city credit card to make the purchase.

Mayor Tucker questioned the price ?

Comm. Maynard replied \$139, if there are any left.

Board member Higgins moved permission to purchase with city credit card be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Maynard then stated, in reference to the Kimball Street issue, he got out their old traffic counters. He then called a gentleman from Indianapolis down to help him get them reprogrammed and up and running. Turns out they are very obsolete, one will not hold a charge, and the other barely will. He added he will try to use it to get a count on Kimball Street. That being said, he asked for permission to purchase a new set of traffic counter for \$2,960.02, which he has in his equipment line.

Board member Higgins added they would be useful in other areas of town as well, especially when it comes to complaints of speeders.

Comm. Maynard agreed.

Chief Beloit added it would be valuable for his department to have access to that kind of information.

Board member Higgins moved permission to make the purchase be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Maynard concluded his report by stating he and Mrs. Willis need to travel to Huntingburg next Thursday, March 31, for training on grant sign offs. He would like permission for them to take the city credit card for gas and meals.

Mayor Tucker moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda, they will table action on the bids.

Mayor Tucker stated under Audience is American Environmental with their request relative to the BP Station. He then stated he sees no one present so they will table that as well.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer